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HIGHLIGHTS

The 1996 Los Angeles County Fair at the Pomona fairgrounds is open through Sept. 29. In addition to feature exhibits such as the latest in computer/electronic technology and motorsport. The fair offers shows, shopping, food and carnival rides. Students, faculty and friends of Valley College can purchase discount tickets from Jonda Brooks at the bookstore.

Student Health Center is holding a lecture on nutrition and cholesterol on Sept. 25, in Campus Center 207 from 1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

Student Health Center hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with additional hours on Wed. from 4-7 p.m. A doctor is available by appt. Tues. 8-9:45 a.m. The center also offers counseling on Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. preferably by appointment.

Student Assistance Center located next to the cafeteria, across from the business office, is open Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays until 3 p.m.

Elementary Algebra Competency Test will be held on Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m. in Admin. rm. 126. The test takes 50 min. and can only be taken once. No appt. necessary.

Cafe Hillel will be hosting "On the Spot" Improv Comedy Troupe Sept. 19, at 8 p.m. Admission is free. For info call 818.887.5901

The Counseling Lunchtime Workshop series will have a session Sept. 24, on CSU transfers presented by Louie Garcia. The workshop will be held in FL 102 from noon to 1 p.m.

Valley College Has Purpose

By ADAM ADLER
NEWS EDITOR

After a year of planning and revising, the Valley College Mission Statement is complete. The mission statement is a summarized statement of the college's purpose.

It is also the first part of Valley College's Master Plan, which is required by the state to show how college resources will be used in the next five years before funding will be approved.

The final draft of the mission statement was approved at the College Council meeting on August 27. It has been submitted to Valley College President Tyree Weider for approval.

"Every college is expected to have a mission statement," said Al Zucker, chairman of the Master Planning Committee. "It spells out what the college is doing for the community it serves. By implication, it sets the limits because every college doesn't do everything. It basically says what the college is doing."

Along with the mission statement, the goals of the master plan were also completed and have been submitted to Weider.

The goals are a general plan that explains how the mission statement will be carried out.

Once the main ideas of the mis-



During a judo class in the Valley College Gymnastics Gym last week, Jamie Munoz sweeps Ryan McFarlene off his feet.

Photo by Carola Danielsson / Valley Star

sion statement were in place, the Master Planning Committee started on the goals.

Master plans usually take about three years to complete, according to Zucker. He estimates the current master plan under construction will be completed by May of next year, about two years after it was started.

What is left to be completed for the master plan are the applications and objectives.

The applications and objectives are specific details which explain exactly how things will be carried out; from how things will be budgeted to what part of the campus the funding will go to.

The master plan is a valuable tool for the college. It can be presented to federal and private funding sources in addition to being used for state funding.

"People are more willing to give you money and things to develop

your program if you show them you know where you're going, and how you're going to do it rather than saying I want something," said Zucker.

The Master Planning Committee works in conjunction with other groups on campus. Each department submits a unit plan, spanning the next five years, to the Master Planning Committee which is then used to set up the master plan.

When the general plan has been completed, other committees will work on the specific details.

In addition to faculty and administrative members, the Master Planning Committee has two student members and is currently looking for a third.

Zucker emphasized that student committee members have the same rights as the other members. They vote, gather information and chair sub-committees just like any other member.

The Los Angeles Valley College Mission Statement states:

Los Angeles Valley College provides an attractive, accessible learning environment. The educational programs and services of our Community College emphasize: (1) critical thinking, (2) cultural awareness, (3) intellectual development, (4) physical well-being, (5) self-direction, and (6) social responsibility.

The College offers transfer, vocational, general, transitional, and adult education programs in an atmosphere that fosters the free and respectful exchange of ideas. As the educational and cultural focal point of the San Fernando Valley, it provides vision, opportunity, and leadership for the cultural and economic growth of a changing and diverse community.

Building Blocks of Life

Valley College offers student-parents educational facilities for young children

By TANYA GALLARDO
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

The Child Development Center here at Valley College, offers student-parents an educational facility for children. The program focuses on traditional childhood development where the emphasis is on learning through play.

For children ages three to five (kindergarten), the program is offered both in the morning from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. An evening program is offered from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. for children ages five through 12.

The morning program is run five days a week and is available either two, three or five days a week depending upon the parents' class schedules. The evening program is run Monday through Thursday and is available one or four evenings.

Children are allowed to choose what they want to play or what they want to play with. Among the variety of activities in the program, there includes learning to read, building with blocks and painting. There is also a mock-kitchen; doll house; and wall posters children can study to learn the alphabet, shapes and colors. Outdoor activities include small jungle gyms, obstacle courses and bicycles.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided for the children at no extra cost to the parent.

"Each child is special and unique," according to an informational sheet provided by the center. "Each child gathers, constructs and perceives the environment using various significant modes of learning."

Whether it is observing or social development, each child is afforded the opportunity to learn at their own pace and through their own "mode" of learning.

Along with the day and night care program, the Child Development Center offers a parenting class which parents may attend once a month for three months. The classes focus on discipline and issues including sleeping, potty training and behavior.

The next parenting class is on Wednesday, September 25 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Child Development Center. For more information on the next meeting, contact Lawrence Merkle, Child Development Center director at 818.988.8570 or 818.781.1200 ext. 231.

Fees are based on a sliding scale depending upon a family's income. Interested parents should apply early; there is a waiting list from six months to a year. If a child is two years old and the parents plan to enroll in classes next year, apply as soon as possible. Applications are accepted throughout the year.

AIDS Walk 96: A Walk For Life

By MONICA LID
OPINION EDITOR

On September 29, the 12th Annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles will kick off from Paramount Studios in Hollywood.

Participants from previous years range from committed individuals to hundreds of corporate, school and community groups.

Dedicated people, representing Valley College, have formed a fundraising team which will participate in the walk.

ASU Back In Session

By MONICA LID
OPINION EDITOR

There was quite a crowd gathered at the fireside room for the Associated Student Union meeting Tues. Present were: College President Tyree Weider; Dean of Student Services Yasmin Delahoussaye and the entire ASU Executive Council with Adviser John Barnhardt.

Weider made an appearance to recruit involvement as well as inform the ASU commissioners of the upcoming National Conference which is going to take place at Valley College.

On Sept. 28, Valley College will host "The UN Women's Conference One Year Later" where discussions of issues concerning women will take place.

Not only will there be panel presentations here at the college but First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in company with other prominent guests, will be speaking and answering questions live via satellite from Washington DC.

The route is 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) long. Last years walk attracted over 23,000 participants in addition to raising \$3.2 million.

Those are numbers the coordinators of this year's event are determined to beat.

This is where an opportunity for interested students, faculty members and friends of the college appear.

The team at Valley College, which so far has more than 30 walkers signed up, is still distrib-

uting registration forms. Anyone interested in signing up may obtain a registration form from the office of Student Services in CC 100. The deadline for signing up is Monday, Sept. 23.

"It is important that people support this most urgent cause," said Delahoussaye. "And, every participant will receive a free AIDS walk T-shirt."

The AIDS Walk is arranged by AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), a service organization

that provides free care and support to Los Angeles County residents living with AIDS or HIV.

Although APLA is not directly involved in scientific research, the organization is heavily involved in approval of new drugs and treatments.

"It's really not that long of a walk considering the huge cause it supports," said one of the Valley teammates. "Everybody should sign up."

These Are The Days You Will Remember

By KELLI MORGAN
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Looking for something to do around campus, maybe to fill time between classes? Why not join a club? Valley College has a myriad of clubs and organizations to fit almost anyone's taste or needs.

According to the ASU, the current clubs and organizations are as follows:

- ♣ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
- ♣A.S.A. (ARMENIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION)
- ♣ASTRONOMY CLUB
- ♣B.S.U. (BLACK STUDENT UNION)
- ♣BROADCASTING CLUB
- ♣CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
- ♣CERAMICS
- ♣CHORAL COUNCIL
- ♣CROSS CULTURES
- ♣GAY AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE
- ♣HILLEL
- ♣L.H.E. (LATINOS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION)

- ♣M.E.C.B.A.
- ♣P.U.S.O. (PHILIPPINO UNION STUDENT ORGANIZATION)
- ♣PUENTA CLUB
- ♣T.A.E. (TAU ALPHA EPSILON, HONOR SOCIETY)
- ♣SPIRIT CLUB (CHEERLEADING)

To find out exactly who, what, where, why, and when any of these groups meets, call the Valley College A.S.U. office at 818.781.1200 ext. 243.

If there is not a club or organization that sounds interesting, then consider starting a new club on campus.

For more information on chartering a new organization get in touch with the A.S.U. or the Office of Student Affairs at the same number listed above.

Joining or starting a club on campus will make the college experience more memorable. It is also a great way to make new friends with similar interests.

Agenda for Success

By CARMEN PINTO
FEATURE EDITOR

The 1996 Policy Directions for Student Success, of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges is, "Intended to convey that vision, providing broad direction at both the system-wide level and for the 106 local community colleges." That vision, is a long-range agenda.

The New Basic Agenda is a basic manual intended to help guide community college students and faculty in policy making, effective immediately until the turn of the century.

As skills and knowledge needed to lead productive lives change, students need to be aware of the changes. In turn, community colleges must adapt to the same changes and offer relevant and effective services to its students.

The Agenda is to be reviewed periodically by the Board to maintain itself current.

The Agenda's 22 page booklet focuses on crucial implications; those considered most important to community colleges. They are referred to as "challenges."

According to the agenda, there are four challenges: quality education, educational needs, changes, and the infrastructure that community colleges must

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Committed To Whose Success?

When testing is beyond your control, who is to blame? Students are the ones who pay when legislation discriminates.

By REBECCA FOWLER
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I walked into the Financial Aid office and inquired about receiving a book grant, to help with the cost of my books. Financial Aid referred me to the Extended Opportunity Program Services (EOPS).

I went to the EOPS office and spoke with one of the counselors. I told her that I needed to fill out paperwork for a book grant. She asked me if I had taken a placement test, and if so, she needed a copy of the results. What test?

I was not aware that I needed

The following was omitted from the end of an article appearing in the September 12 issue of the Valley Star entitled: "New Faces and Empty Places." The Star apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Clark's face beamed with joy as she talked about raising her son — while her eyes saddened as she told me, "It was either give up my career or give up watching my son grow." Her choice is clear.

As far as part-time faculty members, it is very common for them to find teaching positions at other colleges every different school year. In fact, some instructors find themselves teaching at perhaps two, even three different colleges per semester.

Of course, at times, certain instructors are offered more teaching hours and thus, find themselves staying at one particular college or university.

Reggie Moore and John Beck, for instance, are only two of the many part-time faculty to leave Valley College. They too, are currently working at other colleges.

We wish the new staff members good luck, and bid a fond farewell to those no longer with us.

asked her what was the problem.

She replied, "You don't qualify."

Within five seconds she was able to tell me that I was not eligible for the services offered by EOPS.

"Why not?" I asked.

She showed me my printout and pointed to the "H" behind my classes (designating it was an honors class). Even though I am economically disadvantaged, I have several honors classes and this nullifies my eligibility.

I spent 15 minutes discussing the flyer I had received from the Financial Aid Office, and nowhere on it was there anything about needing remedial classes to qualify.

I did not understand what honors classes had to do with eligibility. I felt as if I was being penalized for taking classes that I needed in order to remain in the TAP program.

I let the counselor know that I was not trying to argue with her but for clarity I needed her to explain to me why I qualified according to the Financial Aid of-

fice and not EOPS.

She said she was not the one who made the rules she was just there to make sure they were followed.

I understood perfectly well that she was not the one to blame but it did not make it any easier to deal with.

To say that a person has to take remedial classes in order to qualify for entrance into the program is very discouraging.

I study very hard and I make it a point to do my absolute best in

"I gave her my registration printout. She took one look at it and shook her head and handed it back."

all my classes. It does not benefit me to take remedial classes. I do not qualify for them anyway.

Don't get me wrong, I am not putting down students who have the need for remedial classes. I just feel that this is a prime example of the discrimination that is beyond a student's control. I am being denied help that I need because of the type of classes I am taking.

For many students, there are always barriers that separate them from being eligible for help when they need it the most.

I'm not going to knock the program but I think the state legislature needs to re-examine their priorities, and come up with a better system for the sake of students.

The EOPS has a motto: "Committed to Your Success." When I see this, it makes me wonder who are they referring to.

EOPS was established by the state legislature to provide community college students who are economically and educationally disadvantaged with support services to help them succeed in their education.

If I can not pay for my books, I can not get a proper education. That would make me educationally disadvantaged. Nuf said.

Letters to the Star

To the Editor:

As a former editor-in-chief of the "Valley Star" I take heart as well as offense to statements made in your September 12 editorial.

Myself and my staff were also troubled with grammatical and typographical errors. I can agree that such issues are in no way a justifiable excuse for shutting down a student publication. I feel you are correct in saying that the paper is a learning experience.

If you follow all that the "Student Press Law Center" and many other Journalism association recommendations, you would not have even printed such a self gratifying editorial.

While I was editor of the "Valley Star" I too fought the proof-reading of the paper by my advisers.

After studying Journalism for many years I have since learned that allowing an adviser to proof the paper pre-press is not prior-review, nor is allowing an adviser to correct copy for gross factual errors or grammatical errors considered prior-restraint.

If an adviser decided to change or cut an article based on personal not professional opinions then their motives could be questioned.

Advisers are here to help and guide you of mistakes that as student journalists you may make.

While a mistake may seem petty, they can turn into costly lawsuits resulting from libel of misrepresentations. Student publications are not exempt from lawsuits based on being a learning experience.

My time at the "Valley Star" was among the most rewarding times in my education. Due to the fact that I had to learn to be open to the suggestions of my advisers who offered me more negative than positive criticism. This was how I learned.

Advisers seem like a godsend when compared to professional editors who will cut your story to bits or just not run a story altogether.

Maybe if you listened a little more to your advisers, the "Valley Star" would not be deemed a "disgrace" or be given a "fail".

It is not yours or any other journalists place to use the power of the press as a personal sounding board for your publications dirty laundry. It has almost destroyed the "Valley Star" in the past and could easily happen again. Not only do you make fools of yourselves, but a mockery of journalism altogether.

You and your staff should take a moment to soak up the knowledge and advice of those advisers you are fortunate enough to have around you.

It is the (advisers) wisdom and experience that you will learn the most from in the long run. Give a little and you will get a lot in return.

Follow this advice, and in the not so distant future you will be able to look back on this experience

with no regrets. What I would give for that.

Amanda L. Duchow
Editor-in-Chief, Spring 1994



Adviser's Note: The role of the adviser is not to proofread or edit a student newspaper. Those are critical skills that must be learned by students in the production of the newspaper. The adviser's job is to offer support, direction, and advice to the students as needed.



To the Editor:

As a retired teacher and a longtime reader of the Star, I must take issue with your editorial, "Student Press Under Pressure," in the September 12 issue.

Over the years, I have been appalled at the number of grammatical errors, poor sentence structure and misspelled words I have seen in the Star.

Yours is a student publication. You admit that you are at Valley College to learn. Learning is a two-way street which involves both a teacher and a learner. If an English professor were to read your class assignments and then did not correct spelling and sentence errors, he (or she) would not be doing the job for which teachers are paid. You should welcome faculty guidance, instead of treating it as an enemy trying to muzzle free speech.

Important newspapers in this country, such as the L.A. Times and the N.Y. Times are extremely fussy and particular about the style, accuracy and clarity of their articles, because they know that readers look to journalists for truthful and accurate information; and readers will not trust news and information which is expressed in unclear, sloppy sentences and misspelled words.

Proofreading is not censorship. No one is criticizing the content of your articles or your right to express your opinions of them. However, there are standards of style, sentence structure and grammar which should be maintained even by student publications and by student journalists, who, presumably, hope to become professionals in the field.

In closing, I'd like to point out that your front page story, "New Faces and Empty Places," has no ending. The quote by Sheila Clark is left dangling: "It was either give up my career or give up watching..." Where is the rest of the article?

Proofreading is important.

Mrs. Ruth P. Sheff
Music department volunteer



Down To Earth...

By LIZ RODRIGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

Household products can be dangerous to the environment and a person's health. Things at home are unknown threats when improperly used or disposed of. Window cleaners, nail polish, car wax and toilet bowl cleaners, just to name a few, are toxic chemicals. When thrown away in regular trash, they can make their way to oceans and ground water which we drink.

Of course there are alternate non-toxic products available for use:

Harsh cleaners and scouring powders are corrosive, irritant and toxic. Replacing them with baking soda, Borax or toothpaste works just as well.

Replace ammonia based cleaners with white vinegar or baking soda. Borax and baking soda also can be used instead of bleach based cleaners.

Refrain from using window cleaners, they are corrosive and toxic. Vinegar and water or lemon juice are good. They also make a great salad dressing.

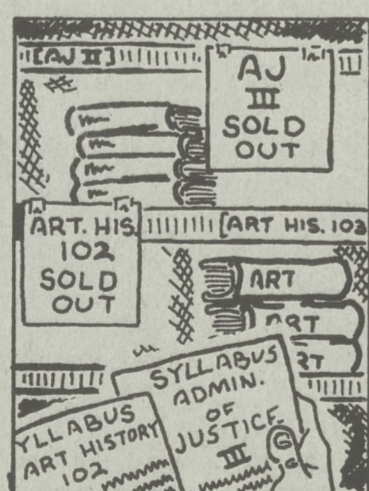
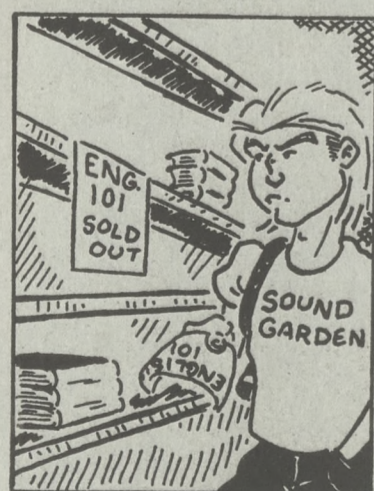
Flea collars are toxic for pets too. Herbal collars are safer for them.

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Using these alternative cleaning solvents can greatly reduce health dangers and water pollution.

Remember, the Earth is a terrible thing to waste.

"DUTCH" By LEO SMITH



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The Valley Star will receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers. The Star reserves the right to condense all letters for space considerations. Submitted letters should be limited to 250 words. Letters are subject to editing if they are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic, religious, sexist, or sexually oriented denigrations. Letters must be signed and include student's ID number. Letters may be dropped at the Valley Star Bungalow 25, by Monday morning for the following Thursday.

Don't Buy it Even if it's Free

Redeeming features are few and far between on self-titled record

By LEO SMITH
STAFF WRITER

By now I'm sure most of you have heard from MTV's Tabitha Soren that Brad Nowell, lead singer and songwriter for the ska/punk band Sublime, is dead from a heroin overdose at the age of 28.

Nowell left behind an 11-month-old son, wife and fledgling band. His death tragically coincides with his band's first major label release, the self-titled "Sublime" from MCA Records.

A couple of years ago, Sublime, a seemingly white trio from the

L.B.C. (that's Long Beach City for those Hip impaired folks out there) had a single which actually reached radio listeners ears, the not-so-subtly titled "Date Rape."

The single had a great ska feel to it, closer to that of the old school than the fusion ska/punk of No Doubt or Goldfinger.

(Ska is a dance hall standard imported from Britain by such bands as Madness and The Specials characterized by simple, quick groovy rhythms and, typically, a horn section.)

It was an omen of things to come and what could have, possibly, been a stellar future. Instead, what we have is a deceptively poor major debut.

Their first single, "What I Got" substitutes any obvious ska influence for a subtle reggae feel, not a hint of grunge, is decidedly pop, and really good.

It surprised me to find that the radio single "What I Got" is actually a reprise of the album's second track which, in comparison, sports a hip-hop rhythm and painfully obvious reggae vocals, but is arguably the better of the two versions. Perhaps, if this single had been the one to hit the radio, it would have prepared me for the rest of the album.

For most of the record we are treated to a bombardment of Marley-esque reggae tunes which, not being adequately toasted, didn't do much for me.

Reggae is great for parties and dancing once one is sufficiently tanked, however, it is not for 24/7 listening. Still, if reggae is your pot of gonja, go on with your bad self; listen especially for track six, "Santeria," a quirky little tune.

As for the rest of us, there are a few redeeming features on



The seemingly white trio of Sublime made up of Brad, Eric, Bud and "Sparky" the dog.

"Sublime." "Wrong Way" has lead singer Nowell sounding a lot like Dan Baker of the ska band Jimmy 2 Times.

As advertised it is the ska of old and what the rest of the album should have been. "Same in the End" is equally ska-kin', quick and upbeat with an obvious hard core

punk influence.

Technically speaking, the band is pretty tight. Nowell wields his ax expertly when needed, Bud isn't too sloppy on the skins and Eric keeps rhythm on the bass.

The use of samples are sparing as are other digital elements, leaving them to sound just like the sea-

soned garage band that they obviously are.

It is too bad they waste that talent on the slow, methodical styles of reggae when they could have made an outstanding punk album.

On the worst to first scale of Heinous, Bogus, Excellent and Outstanding, "Sublime" scores: Bogus.

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ent clubs at Valley College.

In relation to this, Commissioner of Cultural and Ethnic Affairs, Daniel Matas, informed the council of Latino-Chicano heritage day on Oct. 4.

Commissioner of Evening Affairs Anita Monroy took the floor with the proposal of arranging voter registration for night students; a group she claims miss a lot of what goes on around campus due to their hours.

"We also need to make a bulletin available for all the ASU members," Monroy said. "This will make things more organized, as well as more accessible for our supporters."

Another project suggestion was made by Wendy Estevez, commissioner of Public Relations, who asked the council for support on arranging book grants. These will be awarded to qualified students based on an essay submitted to the ASU.

Two candidates for commissioner positions also attended the meeting but only one received the required votes from the council.

Therefore, Commissioner of Campus and Environmental Concerns is, as of Sept. 17, the newly elected Feng Hutchins.

The meeting continued with general suggestions and a budget discussion before Ruiz adjourned by reminding the commissioners of the two positions which are still open, again urging them to promote their work and recruit new members.

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overcome.

The first, "Community Colleges must deliver high quality education in a manner that achieves student success."

In other words, the Board concluded that student learning should be emphasized, proposing initiatives that may quickly and effectively respond to student needs.

Community college students, as the agenda states, have an educational priority which is not earning a degree but to obtain or improve job skills.

With this data in mind, the Board feels that degrees and/or certificates awarded by colleges should be reviewed so the value students, businesses and four-year institutions hold will endure.

As more students find themselves undecided about their career objectives, they have enrolled in community colleges to determine a goal.

Just as every student is unique, so are their circumstances. "Even as more young students enroll, the general profile of community college enrollment continues its gradual shift toward more working students, and more students who are independent, often having dependents of their own," as the Agenda makes clear.

Further, the Agenda states that community colleges must deliver high quality education in a manner that achieves student success.

A second Challenge, "California's future depends on its community colleges meeting the

expanding educational needs of its population."

As the Chancellor's Office data shows, approximately 67 of every 1,000 adults in California are currently enrolled in community colleges.

This may be because of the "open access" policy which allows all California residents to enroll in community colleges when they choose to.

Financial aid, because of the socioeconomic status many community college students fall under, is relevant to any student; as four of every five of these students hold at least part-time employment.

According to the agenda, "Historically, while three of every five students would qualify for aid, only one in five applied for aid."

This brings us to the community college enrollment. Early registration in any community college is always encouraged. Continuing students have priority when registering for classes, followed by students in certain college programs.

Lastly, students enter the queue for classes mostly on a first-come, first-served basis. Course scheduling, such as add/drop dates, grading policies (i.e., W's, U's), and other academic policies like probation and dismissal are topics the Agenda mentioned, but did not specify on any one.

Challenges three and four will be continued in next issue, Sept. 26.

Maximum Van Damme-age

A critical movie review of the new release, "Maximum Risk"

By LEO SMITH
STAFF WRITER

As advertised, the muscles from Brussels is back. However, whether anyone cares or not will have to wait until the box office receipts come back.

As for myself? Well, I'm a guy, and guys love action movies, especially those with the prospect of gratuitous nudity, all of which is worth a measly five bucks.

"Maximum Risk" is the newest little ditty starring Jean Claude Van Damme and Natasha Henstridge (of "Species" fame).

The plot (yes, this Van Damme movie has one), involves Van Damme's character Amyl, a French police officer and ex-military sniper of few words (thankfully) who bears a striking resemblance to a corpse on the Parisian streets.

It turns out that the corpse on the street is, no joke, Amyl's long lost twin brother, Mikael, from America who was apparently murdered while being pursued.

Adequately pissed that someone has killed the brother he never

knew, Amyl decides to assume Mikael's identity to discover why he was murdered. Amyl hooks up with Mikael's girlfriend, Alex (Henstridge) and away they go.

Sound hokey? That's what I thought for a while but I was pleasantly surprised. Although not vintage Van Damme, ala "Hard Target" or "Blood Sport," it is arguably one of his best; which really doesn't say much.

What makes it good, other than having a topless Henstridge, is its subtle use of action, a coherent plot and a competent cast of actors.

Van Damme is a perfect man-of-few-words bad ass trying to unravel the reason his brother was murdered while at the same time being shot at and beaten.

Henstridge is quite good as the sidekick/lover portraying a savvy night club manager (or somebody who mistakes Amyl for Mikael and gets a little too friendly with the wrong guy.)

Together they make a convincing pair of accidentals brought together by death, neither of whom have time to grieve. The heavies in the movie, as well as everyone else, are just fine and never show up the star.

Van Damme is unusually subdued in this movie's fight sequences. Normally, he is showcased as an unstoppable juggernaut.

naut.

In "Maximum Risk" Van Damme doesn't resort to any grand kung fu action. He keeps his moves swift and minimalistic; just enough to get the job done and not go ridiculously over the top.

Another Van Damme abnormality is that the bad guys don't go down all that easy. There are only a handful of baddies that harass Amyl and most stick it out until the finale.

Even the firearm scenes are sparse, relying mostly on handguns, which are rarely available to our protagonist.

The only problem with the movie involves an aspect of the plot which is confusing at times involving the relationship between the Russian mob and the F.B.I.

What is happening with the two of them and the intrigue occurring with the mob itself is ambiguous and confusing; though it does not detract from the overall movement of the plot.

Though it lacks the one-liners of typical action movies I so dearly love; along with the cartoonish violence I have come to expect from Hollywood. It is nonetheless, an excellent action drama.

On the worst to first scale of Heinous, Bogus, Excellent and Outstanding, "Maximum Risk" scores: Excellent.

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The Ups and Downs of Judo

By ADAM ADLER
NEWS EDITOR

A flip of the wrist sends the opponent flying. With meditation someone can be pinned down with one finger. These are probably some of the more fanciful perceptions of judo.

Judo is a toned down form of the martial art of jujitsu. All the lethal techniques have been taken out to make it into a sport. Judo was introduced in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo making it an official world-wide sport.

P.E. 241 is the Judo Skills class which teaches Kodokan Judo, or Olympic Sport Judo.

Gary Honjio has been teaching the class for 17 years and has been a black belt for almost 20 years. His curriculum for the class includes teaching judo history, etiquette, falling techniques, 15 throws, five pinning techniques, and four choke or submission holds.

There is no kicking, punching or karate chops that you find in other martial arts. What is left is throwing, choking and grappling or wrestling. The art is quite unlike other

martial arts.

What judo does is pit two opponents off who try to throw each other. Whoever gets the clean throw in first, scores an Ippon (point) and wins the match.

Dr. Jigoro Kano founded the Kodokan, the first judo school, in the 1800s. What Kano did for judo was take different jujitsu techniques, a lot of which were closely guarded secrets, and toned them down to where they could be practiced without injury.

"He took all the lethal moves that were bone breaking or otherwise that you couldn't practice at 100% and removed them," said Honjio.

"So he took all the best skills from all the different jujitsu schools and he melded them into one art so it could be practiced safely 100% all the time."

Last semester about half of the class was women, which is unusual. Most of the time the class is dominated by men.

Honjio noted that overall, women are becoming more interested in martial arts, aerobic classes incorporating martial arts moves

being a good example.

"I usually find that the women seem to stick with it more than the men. Maybe the women that sign up for it are tougher or something but they want you to see they hang in there better than the men," Honjio said.

Honjio also said that there are a lot of opportunities for women in the sport. A woman that becomes a skilled player can be sent as a representative for different judo schools and clubs to competitions both national and world-wide.

A lot of women in the local area have made a name for themselves in the sport this way and have competed in the Pan Am Games and Olympics.

Students who have been in the class for more than two semesters and have become skilled are allowed to take a belt test. Honjio said the highest he has promoted anyone in the class was to brown belt, which is the rank just below black.

"The goal however is not to get promoted but rather to master the skill and yourself. The promotion is just a recognition of your ac-

complishments and not necessarily a means to an end," said Honjio.

Honjio said that some people have unreasonable expectations when they come to the class.

"They feel that they are going to become a master of the sport in two hours or a week. That's just not going to happen," he said.

Honjio encourages students to go to an outside school or dojo if they want to become more involved in the sport.

Honjio is currently trying to increase the amount of class time to three hours per week.

"It requires a lot of thinking on the part of the participants because you have to learn to use your opponents strength and momentum to your advantage."

"The idea is that someone who is far weaker physically or smaller physically can defeat an opponent much larger or stronger through the use of technique and skill," said Honjio.

Judo not only requires muscle strength but total body coordination.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov. 15, 16	Tip-Off Tournament	TBA	Mt. San Antonio
Nov. 20	Citrus	7:00	Citrus
Nov. 23*	Vntura	6:00	Valley
Nov. 26*	Hancock	7:00	Hancock
Dec. 5-8	Sequoias Invitational	TBA	Visalia
Dec. 12-14	L.A. Valley Tourn	TBA	Valley
Dec. 21	Victor Valley	7:00	Valley
Dec. 27-30	Fullerton Invitational	TBA	Fullerton
Western State—Intra-Conference			
Jan. 4	Santa Barbara	5:30	Santa Barbara
Jan. 9	Oxnard	5:30	Oxnard
Jan. 15	Moorpark	5:30	Moorpark
Jan. 17**	Perce	5:30	Valley
Jan. 18	Cuesta	5:30	Valley
Western State—South Conference—Round 1			
Jan. 22	Santa Monica	5:30	Valley
Jan. 25	West Los Angeles	5:30	West LA
Jan. 29	Glendale	5:30	Valley
Feb. 1	Bakersfield	5:30	Bakersfield
Feb. 5	College of the Canyon	5:30	COC
Western State—South Conference—Round 2			
Feb. 6	Pierce	5:30	Pierce
Feb. 8	Santa Monica	5:30	Santa Monica
Feb. 12	West Los Angeles	5:30	Valley
Feb. 15	Glendale	5:30	Glendale
Feb. 19	Bakersfield	5:30	Valley
Feb. 22	College of the Cyn	5:30	Valley
Mar. 1	1st Round Regionals	TBA	TBA
Mar. 5	2nd Round Regionals	TBA	TBA
Mar. 8	3rd Round Regionals	TBA	TBA
Mar. 13-15	State Championships	TBA	TBA

* Denotes WSC—Intra Conference Games
**Denotes WSC—South Conference Games

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov. 15-17	Fullerton Classic	TBA	Fullerton
Nov. 20**	Santa Barbara	7:00	Valley
Nov. 23	Victor Valley	7:00	Victorville
Nov. 30	East L.A.	7:30	Valley
Dec. 5-7	Las Vegas Int'l.	TBA	Las Vegas
Dec. 12-14	Santa Barbara Classic	TBA	Santa Barbara
Dec. 19-21	Crown City Classic	TBA	Pasadena
Dec. 27-29	Desert Holiday Tourn.	TBA	Palm Springs
Jan. 4**	Alan Hancock	7:30	Santa Barbara
Jan. 9**	Ventura	7:30	Ventura
Jan. 11**	Oxnard	7:30	Valley
Jan. 15**	Moorpark	7:30	Moorpark
Jan. 18**	Cuesta	7:30	Valley
Jan. 22*	Santa Monica	7:30	Santa Monica
Jan. 25*	West L.A.	7:30	Valley
Jan. 29*	Glendale	7:30	Glendale
Feb. 1*	Bakersfield	7:30	Bakersfield
Feb. 5*	Canyons	7:30	Santa Clarita
Feb. 8*	Santa Monica	7:30	Santa Monica
Feb. 12*	West L.A.	7:30	Valley
Feb. 15*	Glendale	7:30	Glendale
Feb. 19*	Bakersfield	7:30	Valley
Feb. 22*	Canyons	7:30	Valley
Feb. 28, Mar. 1	1st Round Regionals	7:30	TBA
Mar. 5	2nd Round Regionals	7:30	TBA
Mar. 8	Regional Finals	7:30	TBA
Mar. 13-15	State Tournament	TBA	San Jose

* Denotes Western State Conference Games- Southern Division
** Denotes Western State Conference Games- Northern Division

Angels On the Gridiron

By REBECCA FOWLER
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If there was an angel on the football field it was hovering over the Valley College Monarchs, as they managed to pull out a victory over West Los Angeles Oilers.

Football Coach Jim Fenwick said, "They gave us a scare, but I knew that we had the talent, and with everyone doing their job, we could come back and win."

There were several occasions when Valley found themselves behind by 10 or more points. The game had a slow start, with the Oilers scoring first on a field goal in the first quarter to take a 3-0

lead.

The game got a little sloppy with both teams missing field goal attempts and making several fumbles. The first ray of sunshine came in the second quarter when the Oilers fumbled and Monarch linebacker Bruce Henderson ran it in for a touchdown. Matt Kohl missed the extra point.

The Oilers took advantage of a couple missed tackles and scored again with 6:19 to go in the second quarter to take a 10-6 lead.

With 3:39 left in the second quarter, Oilers quarterback Whitney Jones threw a touchdown. The point after was good, the Oilers then had a 20-6 lead.

To add insult to injury, they scored again to take a 23-6 lead with 2:08 remaining in the half.

Just as the Oilers were celebrating what seemed to be a certain victory, the Monarchs began to play the kind of football the fans are accustomed to seeing.

Monarch running back Marcus Harvey scored on a 29-yard touchdown run, that took two plays to set up. To top it off, with 59 seconds remaining in the first half, Lins connected with Eric Ruhle for a 20 yard touchdown reception followed by a two point conversion. The Monarchs then trailed 23-20.

The Monarchs were out of sync in the third quarter. The woes of quarterback Lins continued as he threw away a couple of passes.

On a fourth and 6 play the Monarchs were unable to pick-up the first down. The Oilers seized the opportunity and increased their lead on a 40-yard pass completion by Whitney Jones to Kory Jones, and converted the two point play. Oilers then led by a score

of 31-21.

The only score for Valley in the third quarter came with 1:30 remaining, and Marcus Harvey found the end zone on a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Oilers ran the clock down in the fourth quarter. Running the ball, they picked up five first downs but had to settle for a field goal, their lead increased to 34-21.

Valley managed to surge a comeback when they stopped West L.A. on a fourth and-1. The Oilers were in field goal range, but opted for the first down. The Monarch defensive line tightened up and was able to stop the Oiler drive. Monarchs got the ball back and Lins connected with Ruhle for a 20-yard touchdown reception.

Afterwards Ruhle said, "There was definitely an angel with me when I caught that pass. I lost my brother in a car accident in February, and I know he was with me, I dedicate this whole season to my little brother." For the first time in the game, Valley led. Kohl made the point after and the score

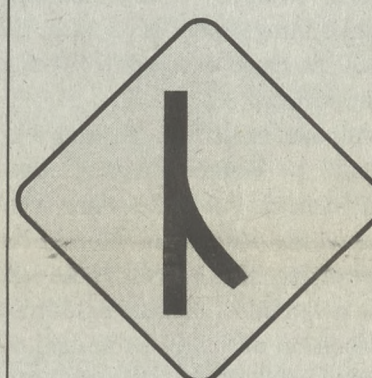
became 35-34.

Perhaps the most important play of the game came with 1:42 remaining in the fourth quarter when Monarchs defensive back Courtney Blunt stepped in front of Oiler wide receiver Andre Griffin for the interception.

Blunt was burned earlier in the game when he allowed Magee to catch a 75-yard pass but this time he was waiting.

The two touchdowns Harvey made definitely did not go unnoticed. He finished the game with 42 rushing yards, 67 yards receiving and 62 yards on kick-off returns.

Coach Fenwick said this game was a learning experience for the team and they have a lot of room to improve. "People are going to judge us a little hard, but they don't realize that we have quite a few new faces."



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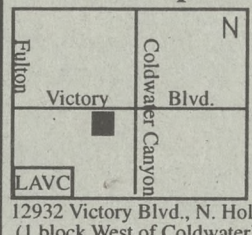
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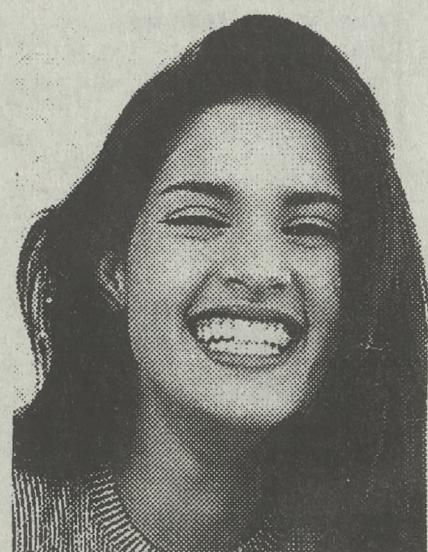


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